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Bronson Tweedy has just returned from a trip to the United States.

Tweedy visited those Negro portions of the Capital where so much destruction took place during the riots. He said no serious effort has yet been launched to repair the devastation, and observed a marked tension on the part of Washingtonians over possible future disturbances of the same kind.

At last I met Sue and Gene Black at a lunch we gave for them, at which the others were:

Mr. and Mrs. Nigel Lawson (The Spectator)
Miss Ducane Mrs. Phipps
Lord Harlech
Mr. and Mrs. George Weidenfeld
Mr. Anthony Craxton (Painter)

The Blacks are soon going on a ten-day cruise with John Loudon on his yacht. They will go down the Dalmation Coast, and Black intends to see Marshal Tito at Brioni. A little later he will tour the Far East on one of his periodic trips. He is Treasurer of the Rockefeller campaign, and thinks Nelson has an outside chance for the nomination if polls continue to show him as being the only Republican who might defeat a Democratic nominee. Gene swears that when President Johnson leaves office he will at last retire from governmental activity. I do not believe this, for any President will pressure him to take on difficult tasks which he performs so admirably.

Mrs. King, the Speaker's wife, and the Speaker held an "At Home" today at the Speaker's house. E and I attended.

Afterwards, we put on our evening clothes and went to another "At Home" given by Sir Paul and Lady Gore-Booth at their house in Chels before proceeding to dine with Esme and Rowlie Cromer.

I declined today an invitation to deliver the Founder's Day address at the University of Virginia on Monday, April 14, 1969, in celebration of the 226th birthday of Thomas Jefferson. I was struck by the offer of an honorarium to the speaker of $1500. Such fees seem to mount each year, and if one is in sufficient demand for these occasions, one could earn a livelihood by wagging the tongue.

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railway lines was out of commission for two weeks.

I had an interesting report today about developments in Czechoslovakia. The Soviet Government is deeply concerned over the schism there between the Communist party and the new leaders, who are also professedly Communist, but favor liberalization in the application of its doctrines. Some of the Russian rulers are in favor of putting down this heresy by military intervention, but do not appear to have attracted a following for such course of action in any of the satellite countries.

At the instance of Mr. Cisler, Chairman of the Detroit Edison Company, I attended a luncheon today at the Institution of Civil Engineers in Great George Street, where the Hoover Medal was presented to Sir Harold Hartley, a distinguished figure, ninety years old. Prince Philip attended the ceremony, and made a speech. At lunch I sat between Mr. H. Shirley-Smith, President of the Institution (a one-year office), and Mr. Townend. Cisler is a friend of my brother Jim, and serves with him on the Fruehauf and other corporate boards at home.

De Myers talked to me a couple of times today about his Foundation project. I do not find much virtue in the original idea of making a study of negotiation procedures, and have advocated giving consideration to surveying the general subject of "the practice of diplomacy."

It looks as if we might be rid of the Ray case. Sneyd-Ray has announced he will accept extradition, and unless he lodges another appeal today, it will be possible to have the necessary papers signed for his departure from Britain tomorrow.

Rudy Schaefer, a well known yachtsman, and owner of the F&M Schaefer Brewery in New York, came to see me this afternoon. He has just sailed across the Atlantic in a full sized replica of the schooner "America", winner in 1851 of the original America's Cup,

Jean Monnet came to see me late this evening at the office.

Tonight E went to the theater, and brought her fellow guests back to the house about midnight, where we gave them food and drink. They were:

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Afterwards I went to dine with Jennifer and Roy Jenkins at 11 Downing Street. The others there were Sir Leslie and Lady O'Brien (Governor of the Bank of England), Michael Astor, a Foreign Office couple, Dora Caitskell, and the Jenkins' attractive daughter, (a scholar and painter). Meals with the Jenkins are always both amusing and interesting. The food was excellent.

I took Dora home to her house in Hampstead, and had the first opportunity in a long time to converse with her. She is soon going to New York for several months as a member of the British delegation to the UN. Her dislike of the PM has not abated.

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Went to Mr. Austin this morning for tooth cleaning, then saw Bill Stoneman, who brought in his Chicago Daily News successor, Mr. Nichols, whom I had known in Bonn. Bill and his wife own a house at Celle St. Cloud, near Paris, where they are moving next week. He intends to retire on a pension, but has been asked by his paper to do occasional work for it. I have known him since we were together here in 1940, and shall miss him. He is an ardent fisherman, but often an unlucky one. He whipped rivers in Scotland for two weeks this summer without getting a rise from trout or salmon.

Joe Kingsbury-Smith called on me. He talked to Cy Vance and Averell in Paris yesterday, gaining the impression there was a stalemate in the Vietnam conversations. He thinks we ought to offer an unconditional cessation of bombing of North Vietnam and see whether the other side will respond. I asked if Bill Hearst would go along with this, since he is hawkishly inclined. Joe thought he would, on the theory bombing could be renewed if Hanoi did not become tractable.

We had a lunch today at home for the Garbisches, with these guests:

I sat between Frau Dr. Brigitte Lohmeyer and Mrs. Garbisch. Frau Lohmeyer is a learned lady, who thinks London at this time the most exciting cultural capital of the world.

Ron Spiers and I went to see Michael Stewart this afternoon at the Foreign Office.

Don Maitland, who had been on the Rumanian trip, was present. They spoke of the excellent arrangements made for them during their stay by the Rumanian Government, and the polite manner in which they were received.

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